

meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "United Nations Development Program in North Korea: A Case Study."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security and the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Management and Oversight of Contingency Contracting in Hostile Zones."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Jesse Baker, a Federal Government detailee for Senator HATCH, be granted the privileges of the floor for the consideration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Tiao, a detailee on my staff from the Department of Justice, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of the FISA Amendments Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Pozen, a legal fellow on my staff, be granted floor privileges through August of this year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 425 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 425) making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 425) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 425

*Resolved*, That the following be the minority membership on the following committees for the remainder of the 110th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. McCain, Mr. Warner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Collins, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Wicker.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Shelby, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Allard, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Corker.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Stevens, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Hutchison, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Sununu, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Sununu.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stevens, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ensign.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Burr, Mr. Specter, Mr. Craig, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Wicker.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 282 just received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 282) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening debate or action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 282) was agreed to.

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF SENATE COMMITTEE TO ESCORT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presiding

Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2556

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2556, introduced earlier today by Senator REID, the majority leader, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2556) to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 for an additional 30 days.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FISA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I was hoping that at this time today we would be talking about the work we had done on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. But we were unable to do that. What an unusual day. We were not allowed to vote on anything on this bill. I hope our friends in the press have been able to witness what took place today.

We talk about last year the Republicans having caused us to try to invoke cloture more in 1 year than had ever happened in a Congress before. In 1 year, they obstructed more things than ever in the history of the country.

Now we are starting this year, and they are objecting to their own bills. The President wants the bill passed. Every one of the Republicans—all 49 of them, I assume—will vote for this bill. So all they would need to pass it is two Democrats. I would have to suggest they probably could do that. They are so afraid they may take a vote that may not be something they want to take that they stop everything.

This is the President's program. It is not our program. We have stood by since 9/11 telling the President: Anything that you need, we are here at